

MAY 14

“JOY IS JESUS.”

READ

Hebrews 12:18-24, 1 Timothy 6:17

When God came down on Mount Sinai, it was fearful and frightening. But we have come to Mount Zion. We are no longer under the judgment of God. We've been accepted in the Beloved, we have eternal life. We're in His hand, no one can snatch us out. There is no problem that He has not already solved, no enemy He has not already defeated. He has given us His joy and has given us richly all things to enjoy. So, let me ask you, “Do you have joy?” Joy is not a thing or a place. Joy is not an accomplishment. Joy is Jesus. If you have Jesus and understand the life that Jesus gives, then you will have an incomprehensible joy. The prefix “en” means to put on or get into. If you encourage someone, you're putting courage on them. If you enforce something, you're putting energy into it. When Paul says, “He's given us richly all things to enjoy,” he didn't say you had to go there to get joy. He said you already have joy, you go there and put it into the situation. You don't get joy from another person. You go and give them joy. So, when Paul says “Everything that comes your way, God has designed for you to enjoy,” that means you've got Him, so you go into that situation and you make it a joyful thing. You insert the life of God into it, the mercy of Christ. You put the power of the Holy Spirit in it. You bring joy.

PRAY

Lord, You want my joy to be full. Help me to understand and receive this joy that You died to give me, Your joy. May I take it everywhere.

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